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**SAVE THE DATE /**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Training - Movie @ the JJC, August 12th (pg. 6)
- Academy - Aug 26/27
- CASA Volunteer Conference - August 28, 2015 (pg. 9)
- Labor Day: Sept 7th - office closed
- Motivational Interviewing Training - Sept 18, 25 and Oct 2. (pg. 10)
- Court Report Writing Class- Sept 24th (pg. 8)
- Academy - Sept 30/Oct 1



**What's happening at the CASA office.....?**

We are now hosting a local training academy for new CASA applicants, Academy in Pines! Has it been a while since you attended the Academy? Please contact your coordinator if you would like to join us for a refresher course. As always, we appreciate when you tell your friends about the benefits of becoming a CASA. Now that all training is happening here at the Juvenile Justice Center, training has never been easier!!

The CASA office, staff and advocates are being featured in the August/September issue of the Prescott Woman magazine. Pick up your copy today! We are so proud of the work our staff, advocates and community partners are doing in support of the children in Yavapai County.



Again, if you know someone that is willing to be the voice for a child in need, please refer them to our office. We would love to talk to them.

# Prescott CASA Calendar

## August 2015

M	T	W	T	F
3 Peer Support Group—w/John @ 2:00 p.m.	4 Hearings	5	6 Best for Babies @ 10:30	7 B4B Court Teams in PV @ 10:00
10	11 Hearings FTC 2:30	12 CASA Training—movie @ the JJC	13 C4K Meeting @ 9:00 Peer Support w/Jane @ 11:00 T4T Team Mtg. @ 1:00 FCRB	12 FCRB
17	18 Hearings	19	20	21
24 Getting Started class for new CASA applicants - 10:00 @ JJC	25 Hearings FTC 2:30	26 Academy	27 Academy	28 CASA Advocate Conference Phoenix
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### AUGUST AT A GLANCE

Aug 3 - Peer Support Group 2:00 p.m.

Aug 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Dependency Hearings

Aug 6 -Best for Babies, 10:30 @ JJC

Aug 7 - Best For Babies Court Teams meeting 3298 Bob Dr. in PV—10:00 (Prevent Child Abuse Office)

Aug 12 - CASA Training: World's Most Dangerous Drug

Aug 11 & 25 - Family Treatment Court, 2:30 @ JJC

Aug 13 - C4K Meeting/Peer Support with Jane/T4T Team Mtg. (See times above)

Aug 13 & 14 - Foster Care Review Board (FCRB)

Aug 24 - Getting Started training for new CASA applicants @JJC

Aug 26 & 27 - CASA Academy for new applicants @JJC

Aug 28 - Volunteer Conference - Phoenix, AZ (see page 9) - *Note: Coordinators will be at the conference and out of the office on this day. Support Staff will be available.*



# Prescott CASA Calendar

## September 2015

M	T	W	T	F
	1 Hearings	2	3 Best for Babies @ 10:30	4 B4B Court Teams in PV @ 10:00
7 HOLIDAY— office closed 	8 <b>NO HEARINGS</b> Beyond the Basics class for new CASA applicants 10:00 @ JJC	9	10 C4K Meeting @ 9:00 Peer Support w/Jane @ 11:00 T4T Team Mtg. @ 1:00 FCRB	11 FCRB
14 Peer Support Group— w/John @ 2:00 p.m.	15 Hearings	16	17	18 Motivational Interviewing Training
21	22 Hearings FTC	23	24 Court Report Writing Class 9-12 @ JJC	25 Motivational Interviewing Training
28 Getting Started class for new CASA applicants 10:00 @ JJC	29 Hearings	30 Academy	Oct 1 Academy	Oct 2 Motivational Interviewing Training

### SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

- Sep 3 -Best for Babies, 10:30 @ JJC
- Sep 4 - Best For Babies Court Teams meeting 3298 Bob Dr. in PV—10:00 (Prevent Child Abuse Office)
- Sep 7 - Labor Day: Office Closed
- Sep 10 - C4K Meeting/Peer Support with Jane/T4T Team Mtg. (See times above)
- Sep 10 & 11 - Foster Care Review Board (FCRB)
- Sep 14 - Peer Support Group 2:00 p.m.
- Sep 15, 22 & 29 - Dependency Hearings
- Sep 18, 25, & Oct 2nd - Motivational Interviewing Training @ JJC (pg. 10)
- Sep 22 - Family Treatment Court, 2:30 @ JJC
- Sep 24 - Court Report Writing Class (pg. 7)
- Sep 28 - Getting Started training for new CASA applicants @ JJC
- Sep 30 & Oct 1 - CASA Academy for new applicants @ JJC



## Coordinator's Corner

### BACKPACK GIVEAWAY ON JULY 25TH - RECAP

The event was wonderful and for me, so rewarding. There were people lining up long before we even arrived to open doors. But the day was warm, and perhaps for that reason, most of the lines ended by 11:30.

This event was earlier than last year. There were 260 backpacks and shoe gift cards that were set aside for foster children, and yet only 37 families came to pick up packs. Of the 260 families we planned for, at least 80 were from Prescott or Prescott Valley, still very few were picked up. This year, the notices went out late, and that may have been a reason.

On Monday, I delivered all the packs not picked up to the DCS offices in Prescott and Prescott Valley. Next year, we will get the word out much sooner, and hopefully get many more families coming to the event. We had plenty of wonderful volunteers. We couldn't do this event without them. It would be wonderful to see more CASAs and CASA kids. **If your CASA child/ren are in need of backpacks and/or shoe gift cards, please contact your case manager.**—Barbara R.

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*Just an update, I got new back packs for 3 of our CASA kids at the United Methodist church on Saturday. Also, 3- \$20 gift cards for shoes at Payless Shoes. This is the first time I went to this event and WOW there had to be more than 500 people in line when I arrived. CASA had a special room set up for our CASA kids, well organized, back packs labeled..... plus free books, it was wonderful. Everyone involved is to be commended for this effort. Thank you, thank you. Donna O.*





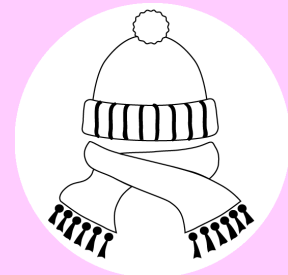
## Coordinator's Corner

### ~ CASA PEER SUPPORT GROUP ~

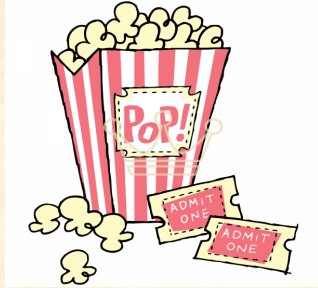
**Attending a peer support group is a great way to learn, discuss and network about your case.**

**September 14th at 2:00 p.m. - Local dependency attorney, Pennie Wamboldt, will be joining this group to help answer some legal questions about the dependency process from the Child's Attorney/GAL point of view. Please join us to have a group discussion about how a CASAs input, opinions, concerns really affect their case.**

*Girls knitted, hats and scarves, are available for easy pick up at the CASA office . We realize it is still warm out, but the cold will be here before you know it. Please feel free to stop by and pick out something for your CASA child.*



## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity



***It's movie time...***

**Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

**2:00-3:30 p.m. at the JJC**

**Joins us as we view**



**World's Most Dangerous Drug**

**NGC correspondent Lisa Ling goes inside the global meth epidemic to find out what makes this drug so addictive and destructive.**

**We will watch the video followed by a debrief.**

**1 hour training credit will be provided**

**\*Please Note: This training is for CASA Advocates only\***



## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

### JUVENILE COURT INSTITUTE

A learning opportunity for community members to explore the inside of the juvenile court system and discover effective ways to make a difference in the lives of our youth and "influence positive change."

**What is Juvenile Court Institute?** When a child is arrested or detained, a complex system is activated. Juveniles have a specific set of laws and procedures which must be followed. Numerous resources within the community are needed and it is up to the Juvenile Detention and Probation Programs to meet guidelines, activate resources, and assist the family to obtain appropriate services. Juvenile Court Institute was designed to offer the opportunity for the community to see what goes on "behind the scenes" and it became so popular that we are now offering it yearly. Each week for ten weeks, a different aspect of our system is highlighted. Guest speakers range from Judges, County Attorneys, Probation Officers, Detention Staff, representatives of the Department of Juvenile Corrections, and representatives of a variety of organizations from within our community including CASA, WYGC, and CPS. Additionally, participants are introduced to the numerous programs and groups designed to assist in the recovery of healthy lifestyles and decision making skills.

**When:** Groups are offered in the Verde Valley and in Prescott on a yearly basis, more often if there is additional need. Classes take place on Thursday evenings from **6 – 8PM**. One day is spent in the field with Probation Officers and one day is spent in a courtroom observing juvenile hearings.

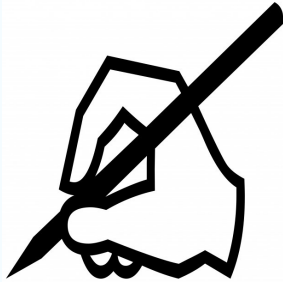
**Who:** JCI is recommended for all people having an interest in volunteering with youth in the Juvenile Court System. It is recommended for anyone in the community who wants to become a mentor or Recovery Coach. Many employees of the various court agencies like CASA participate, along with staff and employees from agencies including Boys to Men, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and local schools. Yavapai College students, interns from local colleges, and other interested citizens participate, as well.

Please Contact: Sally Salisbury, Volunteer Coordinator  
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Prescott, Az. 86301  
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Please Note: The next session will be in **Camp Verde** beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>. The class is 10 weeks from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursdays. CASAs are grandfathered in because they have already passed the background check requirements; however, they do have to fill out an application. Anyone interested in attending can request an application from the CASA office.

## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

# **COURT REPORT WRITING TRAINING CLASS FOR CASA ADVOCATES**



The CASA office is implementing new statewide and local changes to the Court Report writing process for CASA advocates. We have revamped our training and are providing new direction and insight based on these new requirements.

All new CASAs are highly encouraged to attend this training to learn the requirements for Court Report writing. Veteran CASAs should also attend this training to learn about these new requirements and add your experience to the discussion.

*No need to sign up, just join us for this informative training.*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH  
9:00 - 12:00  
AT THE JJC HEARING ROOM**

**\*\*Class attendance is restricted to CASA s only\*\***



## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity



The Dependent Children's Services Division  
is pleased to invite you to the

### **2015 FCRB and CASA Conference** **Volunteers: Essential Pieces of the Puzzle**

Friday, August 28, 2015 | 8:30am-4:30pm  
The Wigwam | 300 E. Wigwam Blvd  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Free Admission | Lunch Provided  
6.5 Training Hours

Limited lodging and seats available.

Register by August 3rd at  
[volunteerconference2015.eventbrite.com](http://volunteerconference2015.eventbrite.com)



## **Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity**

# **Motivational Interviewing Training for CASA's offered by JPO**

**September 18, 25 and October 2**

9:00am to 4:00pm

@ JJC in the Hearing Room

## **Reasons To Attend:**

- Great way to get your required annual training hours credit.
- Improves your Interviewing Skills to get the most out of your meetings with kids, parents, & other professionals involved in your CASA case.
- Helpful resource to assist you in dealing with difficulties in your case.
- Sessions will be tailored to CASA's unique situations.
- The Instructor, Gay Lockling, has experience as a CASA!



**Must be able to attend**

**ALL 3 days of training to receive training credit**

**Light refreshments will be provided**

Please RSVP no later than September 4th.

For more information or to RSVP, contact:

Charlotte Winder at 771-3165 or [cwinder@courts.az.gov](mailto:cwinder@courts.az.gov)

## Coordinator's Corner

### Join a Support Group

Joining a support group helps you to be successful on your case. The support groups provide lively and informative discussion by all. The attendees include a mix of veteran and new CASAs. The support groups meet various times throughout each month, providing an opportunity for you to participate. Please be sure to check the calendars each month as sometimes the dates are changed.

- **Best for Babies** support group meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the JJC, 10:30 -12:00.
- **Best for Babies Court Teams** meeting is held the 1st Friday (this schedule is flexible, please check the calendar for date changes) of each month at Prevent Child Abuse AZ headquarters, 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley at 10:00 a.m. (next to DCS)
- **Peer Support Group**, led by Jane S., meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the JJC, 11:00-12:30.
- The **Time 4 Teens** monthly team meeting is the 2nd Thursday of each month at the JJC beginning at 1:00. (unless otherwise noted)
- ***\*NEW\* – Peer Support Group led by John C. and your CASA Coordinators, will meet the 1st Monday of each month at the JJC, 2:00 - 3:30.***

## Happy Birthday CASAs!

### **August**

*Sandra*

*Jackie*

*Lynda*

*Howard*

*Jane*



### **September**

*Carmen*

*Kae*

*Nancy*

*Eileen*

*Anna*

*Kathy*

*Beth*

*Ken*

## TIME FOR TEENS

# *It's Your Future!!!*

Join us for an election bar-b-que and job fair.



August 22, 2015 ~ 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Heights Church

2121 Larry Caldwell Drive ~ Prescott, AZ 86301

For all youth in care ages 16+ and Foster Alumni

**Come enjoy food and fun!**

Vote for your new Youth Advisory Board members.

Learn about employment and college opportunities.

Information will be provided by state and local colleges, NACOG  
and other employment programs.

**\*\*For more information, please contact: [Lhughes-Stiverson@azdes.gov](mailto:Lhughes-Stiverson@azdes.gov)\*\***

**\*transportation for youth can be scheduled through your case manager, if needed\***

**CASA FOR KIDS FOUNDATION**

# Costumes For Kids 5K

Sunday, Oct. 25  
10:00am



Starting and ending at the Courthouse Square in Downtown Prescott

For more information and to REGISTER, visit  
**YavapaiCASAforKids.org**

\$25 registration fee goes to support the activities of Yavapai CASA for Kids

Children 4 and Under are Free!



5K fun run/walk great for all ages  
Prizes for Best Costumes, Kids Activities, and More...

The mission of Yavapai CASA for Kids is to serve the unmet needs of abused, neglected and/or abandoned youth up to age 21 who are or have been in the care of the Court and to support the work of the CASA program and the CASA volunteers.

**SUPPORT A CHILD ♥ CHANGE A LIFE**



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